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AVILA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND IN MAY FILLED WITH EXCITING EVENTS

The largest graduating class in the history of Avila College received their degrees on May 19th at the Commencement Exercise on the Terrace of Blasco Hall. One Hundred Forty Four students were presented with Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology Degrees.



The long procession winds its way from Marian Center to the Terrace of Blasco Hall.



With the Brass Ensemble in the background, Gaylin Thomas, instructor in the Music Department and Miss Gretchen Wagner, candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, sang . . . "America, the Beautiful" for the more than 1200 people gathered for the commencement ceremonies.



G. Richard Scott, Academic Dean, presented the Candidates for degrees to Sister Olive Louise, President, who conferred the one hundred forty-four degrees.

Mrs. Clarence H. Goppert, Avila Trustee, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Commencement.

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C. Kermit Phelps, Ph.D., gave the commencement address at the graduation exercises at Avila on May 19th. Dr. Phelps, Chief Psychologist for the Veterans Administration Hospital, has been on the Avila staff on a parttime basis for a number of years. He has been with the Veterans Administration 27 years.



Honors Convocation Held in Actors Laboratory Theatre Prior to Commencement Exercises

Prior to the Avila College Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 19, an Honors Convocation was held in the Actors Laboratory Theatre on campus. Sister Olive Louise, President of Avila College, awarded the Avila Medal of Honor to two seniors recommended by the fac-



Missy Stewart, outgoing Student Government President, presides at the opening of the Honors Convocation.

ulty for scholarship and leadership: Patricia Ann Vosman and Marcia Ellen Stewart. The Ariston Award, given annually to the graduate chosen by senior vote, was presented to Marcia Stewart.

Sister M. de La Salle McKeon, Professor of Music, presented the Chorus Award for active four-year participation to: Deborah Frantz, Patricia McAndrew, Connie Lynn Ripperger, Martha Schrader, and Gretchen Wagner. Barbara Myers, Assistant Professor of Education, presented



The Actors Laboratory Theatre was filled to capacity with parents and friends of the Avila graduating class.

the award given by the Council for Exceptional Children to Mary Joan Klosterman. Sister Marie Joan Harris, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, presented the CRC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award to Anne Goldkamp. Mary Ann Fairchild, Moderator for Campus Publications, presented the third Mark Twain Award for courage and leadership as editor of student newspaper to Linda Staten, and the first Ernest Hemingway Award for outstanding dedication to a student publication to Monica Rafter.

Sister Audrey Olson announced the reception of the following students who have attained the requisite rank in scholarship and have been chosen by faculty vote, into Kappa Gamma Pi: Deborah Frantz, Ida Laserson, and Patricia McAndrew, and into Delta Epsilon Sigma: Linda

The highest award presented by the President of Avila College, the Avila Medal of Honor was given to Missy Stewart and Pat Vosman. Sister Olive Louise made the presentations.

At the conclusion of the honors ceremony Sister Olive Louise, President, addressed the graduates, parents and friends.



Blickhan, Susan Dailey, Kathryn Kelm, Fannie Ludewig, Irene McCoun, Mary Moriarty, and Patricia Scanlon. The St. Catherine's Medal, conferred by Kappa Gamma Pi on a sophomore exhibiting high potential, was awarded to Mary Christon.

Sister Germaine Matter, Professor of French, announced the reception of the following students into Pi Delta Phi National Honor Society: Catherine Cargille, Michele Coe, Patrick McWilliams, Catherine Pelzer, Connie Lynn Ripperger, and Linda Staten. Sister Germaine bestowed special awards on Connie Lynn Ripperger and Linda Staten for their work in French. Sister Marie Loyola Sanders, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics, conferred the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award on Deborah Frantz, senior with a double major in Business-Economics and Music Education. Lynn Cupkie, Dean of Students, honored the Avila students voted for Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges; Mary Cox, Deborah Frantz, Mary Jean Klosterman, Mary Joan Klosterman, Pamela LaPlante, Patricia McAndrew, Linda Staten, Marcia Stewart, Gretchen Wagner, and Patricia Vosman.

The closing address was given by Sister Olive Louise, President of Avila College, to the students, faculty, staff, and parents attending the Honors Convocation.

PINNING OF NURSING GRADUATES

Immediately following the honors ceremony, the students graduating with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Nursing received their pins.

Miss Norma Lewis, Chairman of the Department of Nursing gave a brief talk and then presented pins to the graduates.



Dr. Phelps, our Commencement Speaker, and The Most Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, D.D. Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese, who delivered the Salutation seated on the speaker's rostrum.

Three Elected to Board of Counselors

At the April Board of Counselors Meeting, the following were elected to membership on the Board.



James Flanagan, Member of the Firm of Skeer, Flanagan & White since 1946, with offices located at 1710 Commerce Tower, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Flanagan is engaged in real estate appraising and brokerage in the Midwest and the Southwest. He is Chairman of the Missouri Real Estate Commission. Mr. Flanagan is a graduate of Rockhurst High School, Rockhurst College and the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law. He is married to the former Dorothy Duffy, a graduate of St. Teresa's Academy and the Flanagan's have three children. Their home is at 804 West 69th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.



James A. Green, Jr., K.H.S., Established the James A. Green, Jr. & Company in 1958 at 1306 Locust, a Custom House Broker and Foreign Freight Forwarder. He also established the New Orleans office in January, 1960. He is the Owner and President of L. E. McCullough & Company, U.S. Customs House Broker and Foreign Freight Forwarder in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Green is a native Kansas Citian and a graduate of Rockhurst College. He is married and has four children. The Green's live at 314 North Winnebago Drive, Lake Winnebago, Cass County, Missouri.



G. W. "Gar" Cantrell, Employed by the Marley Company since 1949. Mr. Cantrell is currently Assistant Division Manager of the Engineering Division in charge of Engineering Operations. Mr. Cantrell is also the President of the Marley Fund, a charitable corporation of the Marley Company. He studied Architectural Engineering at the University of Kansas, and was an Officer in the Naval Reserve during World War II. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

The Administration, Faculty and Staff of Avila College were saddened by the death May 24 of Dr. Blanche Dow. Dr. Dow, a Trustee of Avila College from July, 1971 to the time of her death, will long be remembered for her time and effort on behalf of Avila, and she will be missed by all of those who worked with her and had the benefit of her expertise in academic affairs. Dr. Dow was also a member of the Board of Counselors, and had chaired the Education Committee of that body of the college. Dr. Dow was President Emerita of Cottey College for Women in Nevada, Missouri. All of the Avila Family extend sincerest sympathy to the family of Dr. Blanche Dow.

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Avila Birthday Party Draws Large Crowd

The Plaza Inn was filled with over 500 well wishers as Avila Celebrated its annual Birthday Party, with entertainment provided by the Raytown South Jazz Band, a concert by Sister Olive Louise and our featured entertainer of the evening, George Gobel.



ALUMNI NEWS

DEATHS

CLASS '35

Mrs. Mary Agnes McCarthy, mother-in-law of Mrs. George F. McCarthy, Jr. (**Roberta Coffey**), on May 5 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '36

Mr. John P. Laughlin, brother of Mrs. N. Sanders (**Elizabeth J. "Betty" Laughlin**) and Mrs. John Donnelly (**Kathleen Laughlin '39**), on April 11 in Wichita, Kansas.

CLASS '51

Mrs. Robert Jansen, mother of **Mrs. Patricia Jansen Doyle**, on May 15 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '52

Mrs. Nadine E. Lynch, mother of Mrs. Mary A. DeLaet (**Mary Agnes Lynch**), on November 30 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '53

Mrs. Ida P. Connell, mother of Mrs. Gordon Childers (**Dorothy Jean Connell**) and mother-in-law of Mrs. David Connell (**Lucille G. Schumaker '51**), on April 14.

CLASS '54

Dr. Andre G. Renaud, husband of Mrs. Andre G. Renaud (**Shirley Allen Renaud**), on April 20 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '55

Mr. William S. Warden, Jr., father of Mrs. R. Raymond Ward (**Suzanne Warden**), on May 12 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '59

Mr. Richard P. Schmidt, son-in-law of Mrs. Daniel T. McLear (**Claribel McLear**) and brother-in-law of **Mary Jo McLear '64**, on December 1 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

CLASS '60

Mr. George M. O'Malley, husband of Mrs. George M. O'Malley (**Charlotte Cannon**), Scholarship Sponsor, and brother-in-law of Mrs. Robert L. Kilker, Jr. (**Rosemary Cannon**), on March 31 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '61

Mrs. Lois Campbell, mother of Mrs. Michael J. Kellerman (**Sue Campbell**), on January 23 in Monett, Missouri.

CLASS '65

Maria Theresa Muehlberger, two-year-old daughter of Captain and Mrs. Gerald L. Muehlberger (**Catherine Ann McClure**), on March 29 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

Mr. Norbert R. Malone, father of **Stephen Patrick Malone**, on May 9 in Kansas City, Kansas.

CLASS '67

Mr. Norbert P. Laughlin, father of **Alice Laughlin**, and brother of Mrs. N. Sanders (**Elizabeth J. Laughlin '36**) and Mrs. John Donnelly (**Kathleen Laughlin '39**), on May 20 in Kansas City, Missouri.

CLASS '68

Mr. Paul Dixon, father of Mrs. John Robert Weber (**Patricia Ellen Dixon**), Mrs. Francis Peter Stull (**Mary Cecilia Dixon '70**), and **Lu Ann Dixon '75**, on April 2 in Junction City, Kansas.

CLASS '71

Mrs. Robert Barclay, mother of **Roberta Barclay**, on March 7 in St. Louis, Missouri.

CLASS '75

Mr. Thomas P. Gaughan, father of Mrs. Michael J. Caffrey (**Mary Ann Caffrey**), on April 24 in Kansas City, Missouri.